



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. In reply to the June 8, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-7.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,700,618 (Chubachi). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Chubachi fails to disclose or suggest a first filter device that removes a frequency component equal to or lower than a first frequency from image-capturing signals obtained at pixels corresponding to a focus area of the image capturing element, and a second filter device that removes from the image-capturing signals obtained at a frequency component equal to or lower than a second frequency which is higher than the first frequency, as recited in claim 1.